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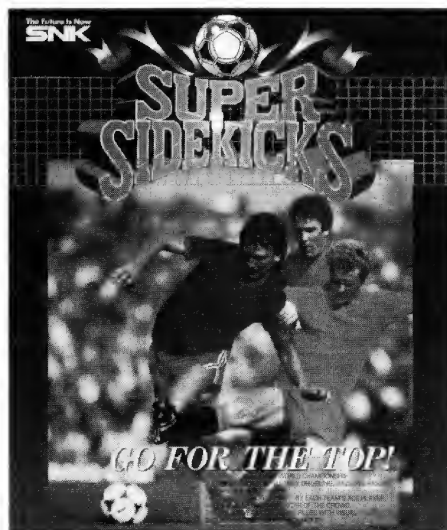


Newsletter

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Super Sidekicks



Before we go any further, let's get one thing clear straight away. Sidekicks soccer is the best game of its genre on ANY format. Playability is excellent, manoeuvrability and flexibility of the sprites is outstanding and the graphics are of the quality which we've come to expect of Neo Geo games.

But why is Super Sidekicks Soccer so compulsive?

Firstly, it has a side-on, 'Grandstand' view of the pitch and one is elevated to a height where it would probably cost 100 pounds a seat to sit here in the stadium! As most soccer game experts will tell you, this is the best position

from which to play a soccer game compared with an overhead view or behind the goal view.

Secondly, to progress down the field (take note Graham Taylor) a player needs to pass the ball. When 2 hardened veterans are playing in 2-player mode this is essential in order to create space and leave your opponent in your wake.

The most exciting feature though is that no matter how many times you've pitted your wits against computer or human there is always something new you will see and more often than not it will be in the form of a goal scored in a way not seen before (diving headers, overhead kicks and volleys are a frequent sight). For the soccer connoisseur most of the features of normal match are incorporated. There are fouls, free kicks and corner, and even linesmen-though like most linesmen they are somewhat fat and do very little. Penalties are also occasionally awarded though these are few and far between. Own goals can also be scored and yes, players can hit the crossbar or upright, but this is probably the rarest sight in the game.

The best teams to choose if you want to win the SNK Cup or in versus mode are Argentina (because their 'Ace' is the best player of generation- we presume him to be Diego Maradona); Germany (because according to the handbook and in reality they are reigning World Champions); Italy (because of their strong defence); Holland (because according to the handbook they possess 2 'Aces'-Gullit and Van Basten?). Incidentally, to the uninitiated, The 'Ace' is a player which every team possesses and he is the star player of the team. Oh yes, I nearly forgot. In versus mode there is a thirteenth team-the Super Team (described as the 'Dream Team' in the

handbook)- and this brings together all the best players in the world.

So in light of all that's been said Sidekicks Soccer appears to be perfect. Unfortunately it 's not quite. In fact there are one or two features which may nag away at those of us who profess to be soccer experts. First of all, England's kit. Unfortunately due to potential colour clashes, England have been given the Notts County (black and white striped shirts, black shorts) home kit-circa 1982! Secondly, goalkeepers sometimes indulge in the little known rule of handling the ball outside the area and indeed proceeding to restart play from that very position. Finally players can only foul when using the barge tackle (button B) but not the slide tackle (button A). This leaves the way open for the more devious of us to use the very useful 'off the ball'slide tackle and not be penalised. In fact it doesn't even incur the wrath of your opponent a la Baseball Stars II. Pity really. There's nothing like a good 'off the ball' chinning when you're in the middle of a boring 0-0 draw. However, this can be combated by the two human participants coming to blows in 'versus mode' in the middle of tense matches!

Essentially, Super Sidekicks Soccer is the first Japanese soccer game for real football fans and although its only 54 megs, it's not size that counts but what you do with it that matters. I can say this from experience because the office arcade machine has Sidekicks and has used over 2000 credits since it was delivered in January. So, if you're feeling as sick as parrot with your current games, go for Super Sidekicks and you'll be over the moon!

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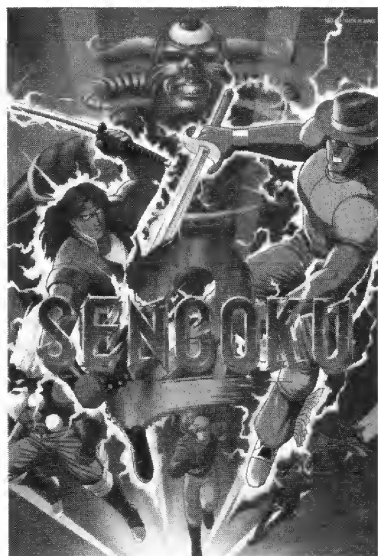
3 COUNT BOUT

At last the thrills and spills of wrestling have been brought to the Neo Geo, with the latest 100 Mega sporting spectacular from SNK, '3 Count Bout'.

Select from ten amazing wrestlers with extraordinary Power Attacks! Use your Malevolent Moves in grudge

matches to defeat a wide range of talented opponents. Your moves aren't exactly Queensbury either, bite, Kick and Punch your way through the lower ranks to battle with the best of the world's top opponents inside the professional ring, and dare to reach for the top slot.

3 Count Bout allows the Neo Geo player to improve their fighting techniques with a wide range of new moves and tactics. 3 Count Bout is a dedicated championship wrestling game that captures all the thrills and atmospheric action seen on satellite TV. Use your Memory Card wisely, and battle your way to the top of the Wrestling World as a master fighter.



SENGOKU 2

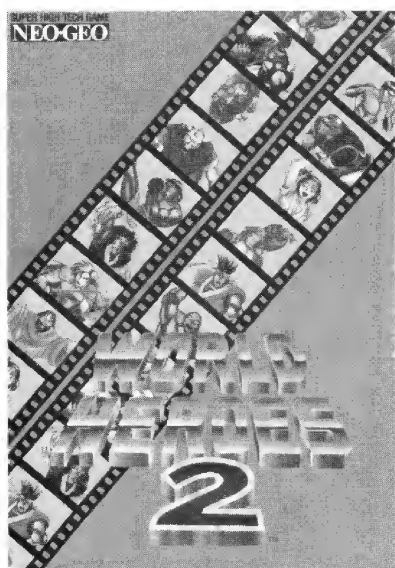
They're Back, and twice as Hard!

The two 'Warriors of Light' return for another chance to blaze across the Neo Geo screens in a sequel to their last major release. The 'Dark Shogun' is also back, and ready to unleash his evil Samurai in this most powerful attack to conquer the world. But this time he wants the past as well to fall under his controls.

Our hero's have to battle, not only to protect the world, but also the history in a fight without end, into the past warring States of old Japan, the world wars, and finally in direct

conflict with the Dark Shogun. The action is fast and furious, and allows the player to explore new locations, and battle new enemies in this non-stop action adventure, where the world salvation rests in the skill of our player.

The game makes full use of vertical scrolling playing arena, to create a ever changing atmosphere, as the players characters show off new found abilities to change their bodies into either Dogs, Goblins, or Ninja warriors, to defeat the attacking mass of evil samurai's and the other crazed followers of the Dark Shogun.



WORLD HEROES 2

Just when you thought that Alpha, and SNK could not improve on the excellent fighting game 'World Heroes', they go and make a sequel that blows the socks off the last game, and proves the hottest fighting game to date.

6 new contestants add to the original line up of expert fighters to blast their way to the top. These 14 characters wield a range of new moves, and hidden techniques that will mean either success or failure for that particular character to hold the title of Worlds Hero.

Even 'time' itself has been affected by this titanic gathering of great talent, as fighters from the past make the jump forward in time to prove that they have what it takes to beat any opponent.

'Captain Kidd', pirate of the seven seas, proves that he is a rowdy rebel, along with 'Erik' the raging Viking bull of the bounding Main, and 'J. Carn', the heroic leader of the Mongolian Marauding Horde, all make an appearance to try and take the title.

The player is allowed to make his selection from this line-up of the 'cream' of contestants, to fight his way through the biggest and meanest battle ever.

Membership Cards

"Where is my membership card?" I hear you asking. Well! finally they should be with you soon after you receive this newsletter.

The cards will be sent by separate post and will be embossed with member's name and membership number.

However, you can take full advantage of all the DGM Neo Geo merchandising offers pre-receipt of your card by quoting your name and membership number when ordering.

Repair Service

Although all Neo Geo Consoles are made to the usual high standard of Japanese manufacture, there are the one or two that do go faulty.

Our new inhouse repair service will be able to repair all versions of the consoles i.e. NTSC 5V, 9V and PAL. The Service is available to members whether or not they purchased an official UK console through a DGM dealer.

Issue Dates

We are embarrassed to have to apologise for our continued erratic publishing schedule. It's understandable that some of our members have been eager to know what you will be getting for your membership fee. To put all at ease we have scheduled the following:

issue 4 end-May, issue 5 end-July issue 6 end-September. Although only 6 issues per year was planned, we have scheduled a special bonus Christmas issue. This will be out end-November '93.

Instruction Booklets

Have you lost the instructions for Neo Geo game? Or have you brought a Japanese import and have not had time to master Japanese?

Whatever the reasons, if you need instruction booklet for any of the following games, we have a limited supply. Cost per booklet £1.95:

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Ninja Combat
The Super Spy

Dealer's Corner

Zap computer games are a mail order company based in Leeds and are one of the largest stockists of Neo Geo games in the country.

Initially, the decision to take on board the 'Mother of all machines' was one ruled by the heart as opposed to the head, as all the staff have been hardened veterans of the machine since its birth. Fortunately, impressive sales figures now prove this decision to be correct.

Zap recognise, as many of us do, the under exposure of our beloved machine in the numerous gaming magazines available. As a result, they have pushed for greater coverage and the first breakthrough is a section to start in games-master magazine reviewing cartridges provided by Zap.

As well as stocking new titles, Zap also carry a wide range of older and used cartridges and a part exchange service is also available.

In February Zap were one of the few companies to obtain that most elusive of games, 'Viewpoint', all of which were reserved prior to arrival. Unfortunately, a decision has yet to be made as to whether this awesome cart will ever be re-printed.

Should you ever wish to discuss the Neo Geo or any games, please do not hesitate to contact Zap where a warm welcome is always assured. They can be contacted on:

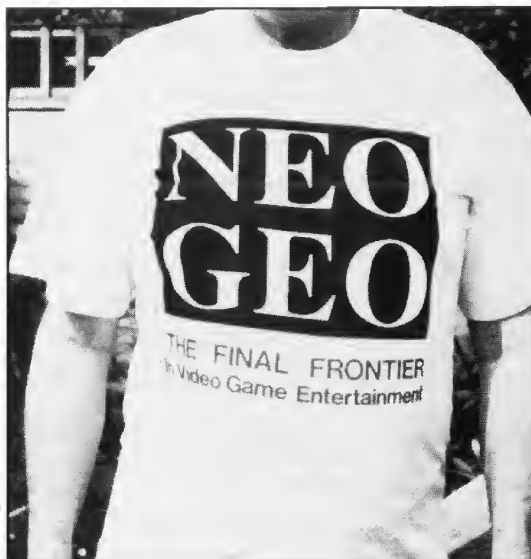
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Neo Geo CD

Yes! This is a small item again because we still have no update on what is happening on the CD front. We thank you for the many letters on the subject. All the question have been collated and past to SNK.

We are keeping our fingers crossed to have something for the next issue.

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